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XAND CORPORATION,		NOTIO	CE OF MOTION
-against-	Plaintif	•	No: 08 CIV. 0513
STRATEGIC ENERGY, I	LC, Defend	Hon. S	ed Judge: tephen C. Robinson
Upon the affidavit of	of Thomas M. B	ona, Esq., sworn to	on January 25, 2008, and
the exhibits annexed theret	o, the defendan	t will move this Unit	ted States District Court
for the Southern District of	the State of Ne	ew York, located at 3	300 Quarropas Street,
White Plains, New York 1	0601, at 10:00 a	.m., on the day	y of ,
2008, or as soon thereafter	as counsel may	be heard, for an Oro	der pursuant to FRCP
9(b) motion of the defenda	nt to dismiss, o	r alternatively, and v	with equal measure, the
complaint is fatally defecti	ve, cannot state	facts sufficient to ra	ise a right to relief above
the level of speculation and	l should thus be	dismissed pursuant	to FRCP 12(b)(6), and
for such other and further i	elief as this Co	urt deems just and pr	roper.
Pursuant to Local R	ule 6.1(b), ansv	vering papers, if any,	, are required to be served
upon Thomas M. Bona, P.	C. within then (	10) business days aft	ter service of the moving
papers.			

Dated: White Plains, New York January 25, 2008

THOMAS M. BONA, P.C.

Thomas M. Bona

Attorneys for Defendant

123 Main Street

White Plains, New York 10601

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TO: ARTHUR MORRISON, ESQ.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Hawthorne, New York 10532

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FO SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
XAND CORPORATION, Plaintiff,	AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT PURSUANT TO FRCP 9(b) AND 12(b)(6)
-against-	Docket No: 08 CIV. 0513
STRATEGIC ENERGY, LLC,	Assigned Judge: Hon. Stephen C. Robinson
Defendant.	x
STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )	- <b></b> -
Thomas M. Bona, being duly sworn,	says:
I am an attorney duly admitted to	o practice law in this Court and I am a member
of the law firm of THOMAS M. BONA, P.	C., attorneys for defendant Strategic Energy,
LLC.	
2. This affidavit is submitted in sup	oport of the motion of the defendant to dismiss
pursuant to FRCP 9(b). Alternatively, and v	with equal measure, the complaint is fatally
defective, cannot state facts sufficient to rai	se a right to relief above the level of
speculation and should thus be dismissed pu	arsuant to FRCP 12(b)(6).
3. The complaint, a copy of which	is annexed as Exhibit A, seeks damages in the
amount of \$1,350,000. This is allegedly as	the result, as explained in paragraph 18 of the
complaint, of false and fraudulent represent	ations made by the defendant. The complaint
appears to sound in breach of contract and f	raud or fraudulent inducement; however,
neither claim is clear and neither claim mee	ts its burden to withstand dismissal. The

fraud and/or fraudulent inducement claim is not specific and thus insufficient to survive a Rule 9(b) motion as described in more detail below. The complaint also appears to attempt to state a claim for breach of contact, by attaching the contract between X and and Strategic. As explained in more detail below, the complaint does not, however, make any mention of specific breaches or any failure to perform on the part of Strategic Energy, or even mention the word "breach" for that matter.

4. The removal petition was filed in this Court on January 18, 2008. The notice of removal and notice of service of notice of removal was served with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Westchester County.

# DISMISSAL PURSUANT TO FRCP 9(b)

- 5. A fraud claim must be pleaded with particularity. FRCP 9(b). Conclusory allegations of fraud may be dismissed under Rule 9(b). (See, e.g. Shemtob v. Shearson, Hammill & Co., 448 F.2d 442, 444 (2d Cir. 1971.) The affirmative representation portion of a fraud claim requires that a complaint: "(1) specify the statements that the plaintiff contends were fraudulent, (2) identify the speaker, (3) state where and when the tatements were made, and (4) explain why the statements were fraudulent". Mills v. **Polar Molecular Corporation**, 12 F.3d 1170, 1175 (2d Cir. 1993).
- 6. In Wall v. CSX Transportation, Inc., 471 F.3d 410 (2d Cir. 2006), the Court wrote that:

Proof of fraud under New York law requires a showing that "(1) the defendant made a material false representation, (2) the defendant intended to defraud the plaintiff thereby, (3) the plaintiff reasonably relied upon the representation, and (4) the plaintiff suffered damage as a result of such reliance."

Wall, 471 F.3d at 415-416.

7. The standard which must be met to withstand a motion made under FRCP 9(b) has been set forth in, e.g. Eternity Global v. Morgan Guaranty, 375 F. 3d 168, 187 (2d Cir. 2004). Judge Jacobs wrote that:

> Although "[m]alice, intent, knowledge and other condition of mind of a person may be averred generally," Fed R. Civ. P. 9(b), this leeway is not a "license to base claims of fraud on speculation and conclusory allegations." (citations omitted).

> "[P]laintiffs must allege facts that give rise to a strong inference of fraudulent intent," which may be established "either (a) by alleging facts to show that defendants had both motive and opportunity to commit fraud, or (b) by alleging facts that constitute strong circumstantial evidence of conscious misbehavior or recklessness."

- 8. What is lacking in the complaint at bar is what was lacking in the Eternity case, to wit, " 'particularized facts to support the inference that the defendants acted ecklessly or with fraudulent intent.' " Eternity, 375 F.3d at 187, quoting, Shields v.Citytrust Bancorp, Inc., 25 F.3d 1124, 1128-1129 (2d Cir. 1994). Such conclusory allegations run afoul of Rule 9(b). The complaint is nothing if not replete with conclusory statements unsupported by the identity of the speaker, where and when the statements were made or an explanation as to why the statements were fraudulent.
- 9. Paragraph 16 is but one of many examples of the failure of the plaintiff to plead a fraud complaint properly. It is alleged that representations were made; by whom, when and where is nowhere explained. The intent to deceive and defraud the plaintiff

only parrots case law and, again, fails to inform the defendant, much less this Court, about any particulars, contrary to the requirement of Rule 9(b). See also Paragraphs 7 and 8.

- 10. The complaint also appears to attempt to state a claim for fraudulent inducement.
- 11. To state a claim for **fraudulent inducement** under New York law, a plaintiff must show: (1) a representation of material fact, (2) which was untrue, (3) which was known to be untrue or made with reckless disregard for the truth, (4) which was offered to deceive another or induce him to act, and (5) which that other party relied on to its injury. Helmsley-Spear, Inc. v. Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozent-Rale, 692 F.Supp. 194, 203 (S.D.N.Y. 1988), citing, Jo Ann Homes at Bellmore, Inc. v. Dworetz, 25 N.Y.2d 112, 19, 302 N.Y.S.2d 799, 803 (1969). See, The Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. v. Aniero Concrete Co., Inc., 404 F.3d 566, 580 (2d Cir. 2005).
- 12. The scattershot and nebulous allegations fare no better under this theory than those alleging only fraud. Again, dismissal under FRCP 9(b) is appropriate.
- 13. For all these reasons, the motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 9(b) should be granted.

# **DISMISSAL PURSUANT TO FRCP 12(b)(6)**

14. In its 18 paragraphs, the complaint contains a hodgepodge of fraud and contract claims. Neither can withstand the minimum standards imposed by the Federal Rules.

- 16. To establish a claim for breach of contract under New York Law, the plaintiff must plead and prove: (1) the existence of a contract, (2) performance by the plaintiff, (3) hon-performance by the defendant, and (4) damages. See, e.g. First Investors Corporation <u>v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company</u>, 152 F.3d 162, 168 (2d Cir. 1998).
- 17. Noticeable by its absence is any claim, pleading or proof that the plaintiff in any way, shape or form performed any portion of the contract.
- 18. There is no question but that the plaintiff received electricity services for which it contracted. Moreover, the plaintiff admits that it simply disagrees with the manner in which calculations were supposed to be made by the defendant for the services it rendered.
- 19. The plaintiff goes on to admit that it has not made payment even though the plaintiff admits receiving the electrical services for which it contracted. Proof of performance by the plaintiff of its end of the bargain is absent. Moreover, no allegation  $\phi$ f a breach of the terms and conditions of the contract by the defendant is made.
  - 20. Unless and until the plaintiff can point to performance by it of its portion of

the contract, a claim for breach has not been pled. Accordingly, the complaint cannot be salvaged and should be dismissed.

21. Additionally, the claim for damages is fatally flawed. It is well settled that damages for injury for lost profits that would have been realized but for the fraud are generally not recoverable. New York law does not allow for recovery of lost profits in fraud actions. Lama Holding Company v. Smith Barney Inc., 88 N.Y.2d 413, 421, 646 N.Y.S.2d 76, 80 (1996). Put another way, New York has adopted the "out-of-pocket" rule pursuant to which an allegedly defrauded plaintiff may recover only actual pecuniary loss, not lost profits or any benefit that the plaintiff expected to acquire but for the defendant's allegedly fraudulent conduct. See, e.g., Vaughn v. Consumer Home Mortgage, 470 F.Supp.2d 248 (E.D.N.Y. 2007).

WHEREFORE, the defendant respectfully requests that the complaint be dismissed pursuant to both FRCP 9(b) and 12(b)(6), and for such other and further relief that this Court may deem just, proper and equitable.

Thomas M. Bona

Sworn to before me this

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BARBARA L. D'ERASMO Notary Public, State of New York

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK **CERTIFICATE OF** XAND CORPORATION, **SERVICE** Plaintiff, Docket No: 08 CIV. 0513 -against-STRATEGIC ENERGY, LLC, Assigned Judge: Hon. Stephen C. Robinson Defendant. Binh C. Nghe, being duly sworn, says: I am not a party to the action, I am over 18 years of age and reside at Valhalla, New York. On January 25, 2008, I electronically filed the notice of motion, and affidavit in support pursuant to FRCP 9(b) and 12(b)(6) along with Exhibit A, with the Clerk of the District Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to the following: ARTHUR MORRISON, ESQ. Attorneys for Plaintiff 11 Skyline Drive Hawthorne, New York 10532 And, I hereby certify that I have mailed by the United States Postal Service the document to the following non-CM/ECF Participants: None Sworn to before me this day of January, 2008.

BARBARA L. D'ERASMO Notary Public, State of New York No. 4963110 Qualified in Westchaster County LO Commission Expires March 5, 20\_\_\_O

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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- Against -

STRATEGIC ENERGY, L.L.C.

SUMMONS

Index No. /2007 Defendant's Residence

Address: 150 E.52 St. NYC 15th Floor Tel 212-752-6643

Defendant

The basis of the venue designated is:
Transaction Arose in Westchester County & at Premises Located Therein

To the above named defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to file your answer to the annexed

complaint on the Plaintiff's Attorney within twenty (20) days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered within the State of New York provided by law as noted below and to file your answer to the annexed complaint with the Clerk; upon your failure to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the sum sought in the annexed complaint.

Dated, Hawthorne, N. Y. December 20, 2007

Attorney for Plaintiff
Arthur Morrison, Esq.
11 Skyline Drive
Hawthorne, New York 10532
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NOTE: The law provides that:

- (a) If this summons is served by its delivery to you personally within the City of New York, you must appear and answer within TWENTY days after such service; or
- (b) if this summons is served by delivery to any person other than you personally, or is served outside the City of New York, or by publication, or by any means other than personal delivery to you within the City of New York, you are allowed THIRTY days after the proof of service thereof is filed with the Clerk of this Court within which to appear and answer.

Defendant:

STRATEGIC ENERGY, L.L.C. Address: 150 E.52 St. NYC 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Tel 212-752-6643

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# JURISDICTION

- 1. Plaintiff XAND CORPORATION (hereinafter "XAND") is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, authorized to transact business in the State of New York with its principal office at 11 Skyline Drive, Hawthorne, County of Westchester and State of New York.
- 2. Defendant STRATEGIC ENERGY, L.L.C. (hereinafter STRATEGIC") upon information and belief is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorized to transact business in the State of New York with its principal office in New York at 150 E.52 St. 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, City County and State of New York Tel 212-752-6643

# BACKGROUND

3. Plaintiff provides Data Center Services to its customers on a long term contractual basis and electricity is a major component of plaintiff's cost basis.

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That the plaintiff entered into a contract signed by plaintiff on November 9, 2005 and countersigned by the defendant on November 16, 2005 for defendant to provide electricity to plaintiff in accordance with the terms of the "Power Supply Coordination Services and Electricity Agreement" (hereinafter "Services Agreement" and/or "PSC Services").

- That a copy of such contract signed by plaintiff on November 9, 2005 and countersigned by the defendant on November 16, 2005 is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 5. That the plaintiff, prior to the execution of the Services Agreement informed defendant of its electrical needs at the demised premises.

In response, defendant informed plaintiff that it could save a considerable amount of money compared to Con Edison Rates as defendant would provide electricity at the real time market rate.

That the plaintiff to its detriment relied upon the warranties and representations made by the defendant and entered into the Services Agreement and simultaneously entered into contracts with its own customers utilizing defendants' Services Agreement as a basis to determine its current and future cost basis.

Plaintiff's simultaneous contracts with its customers were calculated at a lower charge for plaintiff's services than it would have charged had it known the true state of facts, that defendant's representations were false and plaintiff was purchasing power at a higher rate than that warranted and represented by the defendant.

That at the time of the execution of the Services Agreement, Exhibit "A' annexed and prior thereto, and as a part thereof, and to induce the plaintiff to enter into the Services Agreement, the defendant falsely and fraudulently stated and represented to

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plaintiff that the price to be charged to plaintiff would be NYISO "real time" LBMP plus a fixed profit margin for defendant.

- 8. Upon information and belief, at the time the plaintiff entered into the Services Agreement defendant knew it did not have a program to provide power at the NYISO "real time" LBMP within the State of New York, nor did the defendant service any "real-time rate" accounts in the New York area.
- Defendant materially misrepresented to plaintiff the fact that it serviced accounts in the New York Area with the NYISO "real time" LBMP which representation was false when made and known by the defendant to be false and intended when made to induce plaintiff to enter into Exhibit "A" annexed.
- 9. That the defendant promised plaintiff that billing would have 720 line items, each one representing one hour of the monthly rate, and be based upon NYISO "real time" LBMP.
- 10. That the plaintiff received billings with a single line item amount, not the 720 line items, each one representing one hour of the monthly rate as had been promised by the defendant to induce plaintiff to enter into the contract.
- 11. That the plaintiff requested a correct bill, in conformity with the terms of the contract with back up documentation providing the 720 line items along with billing rate and power usage for the time period being billed.
- 12. That after the passage of ten (10) months from commencement of the term of the contract, plaintiff's calculations established the fact that defendant's representations and warranties to induce plaintiff to enter in the contract were false when 'made, as defendant's bills were not less expensive than Con Edison but in fact, more

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expensive.

- That the plaintiff expended substantial time and resources to review such 13. initial ten (10) months, and subsequent nine (9) months, of billing and learned thereby that defendant had for each of those nineteen (19) months FABRICATED billing data, in order to make the amounts reconcile with its single line item monthly bill, resulting in substantial overpayments by the plaintiff over the contracted for rate agreed to in Exhibit "A" annexed, the parties' Services Agreement.
- 14. That the plaintiff made good faith efforts to resolve amicably the issue of the overpayments caused by fabricated billing data and to have the defendant recalculate the correct sum plaintiff would have owed had the defendant billed it in conformity with the terms of the contract.
- That the amount owed the defendant in accordance with express terms of the Exhibit "A" annexed, the parties' "Services Agreement" and/or "PSC Services Agreement", is substantially less than the sum calculated by the defendant and may be less than the sum already paid the defendant by the plaintiff.
- That the representations so made were known by the defendant to be false 16. when made and were made with intent to deceive and defraud the plaintiff and to induce it to enter into the "Power Supply Coordination Services and Electricity Agreement" for its premises as described above and annexed as Exhibit "A"
- That the plaintiff, at the time the representations were made, did not know the truth and relied upon them and was thereby induced to enter into the Services Agreement for its premises as described above and annexed as Exhibit "A"

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18. That as a result thereof and because of the false and fraudulent representations made by the defendant, the plaintiff sustained damages in the sum of One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$1,350,000) Dollars.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff demands judgment against the defendant as follows: For the One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$1,350,000) Dollars, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated, Hawthome, N. Y.
December 20, 2007

Arthur Morrison, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff 11 Skyline Drive

Hawthorne, New York 10532 914-592-8282

LEE S. WEINSTEIN, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

He is the president of the Xand Corporation, the plaintiff in the above entitled action which is a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York, that he has read the foregoing complaint and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to his knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes them to be true.

Sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2007

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

LEE S. WEINSTEIN

Deborah Lee Notary Public

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PowerSupply Coordination® Service Agreement New York **LBMP Product** 

This PowerSupply Coordination Service Agreement is made as of November 05, 2005 by and between Strategic Energy L.L.C. ("Strategic Energy") and Xand Corporation ("Buyer"). The PowerSupply Coordination Service Agreement together with all Exhibits shall collectively be referred to as the "Agreement."

Strategic Energy agrees to provide PowerSupply Coordination Services and Electricity ("Service") to meet Buyer's full usage requirements of Buyer's Facilities and Buyer agrees to receive and pay for PowerSupply Coordination Services and Electricity to meet Buyer's full usage requirements at the Buyer's Facilities. PowerSupply Coordination ("PSC") Services are the services provided by Strategic Energy in accordance with the Company's policies and procedures, in selecting the optimum mix of Electricity supplies to match the Facility load. The Electricity provided under this Agriculture, shall be Firm, subject to Force Majeure.

This Agreement shall be offective upon execution by both parties and continue for the ported of menths identified in the Foothy List, which is absorbed hereto as Exhibit A. (Term') from the start dide, which shall be the metal read identified in Exhibit A. Strategio Energy shall see its best efforts to immediately commance Sorvice in the start menth as set forth above. However, Boyer acknowledges that the commencement of Sorvice hereunder is dependent upon confirmation by the Host Littley of the completion of all required annothment processes. At the end of the Term, if the Buyer and Strategic Energy have not entired into any written modification, amendment of renewal of this Agreement and if Buyer has not elected to obtain service from another provider of electricity, this Agreement shall automatically continue on a year-to-year basis (Yearly Renewalf) until terminated by either party upon think 1501 days notice to the other party. upon thirty (30) day notice to the other party.

#### 3. Service Options and Price:

- 31. In order to supply Buyer's full usage requirements for the Term of this Agreement, the Entry component of Buyer's Electricity requirements shall be mot with Energy from their way for ISO ('NY ISO') Real Time LBMP and Buyer will pay Strategic Energy the NY ISO Real Time LBMP, plus explicable costs and lose as set brith in this Agreement. BY EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT, BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE NY ISO REAL TIME LBMP MARKET IS A CONSTANTLY FLUCTUATING MARKET PRICE AND THUS THE LBMP WILL YARY. CUSTOMER ASSUMES ALL RISKS OF PRICE MOVEMENTS AND AGREES TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS AGREEMENT.
- 3.2 Price: The total tost to be paid by Suyer for the Services provided under this Agreement shall include the applicable costs and fees for the following components: Energy, Capacity, Transmission, Ancillary Services, if any, losses, all costs essentiald with Strategic Energy's obligation to provide capacity of sequired by the New York ISO (The bit of Capacity Costs\*), congestion, as applicable, goals records that, all sales bases, transactional taxes or other governmental or regulatory imposed taxes or curcharges to which Buyer may be subject and the PSC Services Fee.
- 3.3. PSC Services Fee: The PSC Services Fee is 0,675 contained kilowett-hour for each kilowett-hour of Electricity provided under this Agreement
- 3.4 Third Party Costs: Buyer acknowledges that any costs assessed by any third party for the provision of service haraunder, including but not limited to switching and meter related costs, are not broked in the price for any Service provided hereunder and shall be the responsibility of Buyer.

## 4. Billing and Paymont

Buyer will receive from Strategic Energy a monthly invoice following their meter read date for Services provided under this Agreement. Strategic Energy and Buyer agree upon the following condition regarding its non-interval monthly mater accounts. If only Strategic Energy will deapprepare the Buyer's usage and Buyer agrees to account the obstite of this deapprepare as its hourty olding determinants. Payment-in-full is due 20 colorated days from the date of the invoice. If Buyer fails to remit payment in full in any month, interest will be assessed on the late between on interest rate that fails in a lower of 1.5% per month or the highest rate allowed by law.

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In any month Strongic Energy may provide estimated charges for certain local components upon the bill, which shall then be reconciled with actual unlarmation within a commercially reasonable time from the recipt of the actual usage or other periment billing information. If Buyer's Facilities has any interval motors, Buyer's acknowledges that the usage intermotion for each motors contained on the Strenges Energy bill may very from that contained upon the Host Dillips bill as a result of different billing cycles being utilized on the Strenges Energy may choose the pay of the impatt on which to deliver a bill to guyer the consolidated bill for all facilities. Strenges Energy may choose the pay of the impatt on which to deliver a bill to guyer. No adjustments or corrections shall be made to any amount billed after the lapse of the larger of brenty-law (24) months from the case of the billips from the case of the billips from permitted by the host Utility's tariff for edjustments to consumption beforeasion. Each party shall have the right, at its sole expense and upon prior written notion, to examine the records of the other party to verify the securacy of any statement, charge, notice or computation made pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 5. Credit:

Strategic Energy may request that Buyer provide financial information sufficient for Strategic Energy to complete a credit review prior to providing Service hereunder. It, prior to commercing Service or at any time during the 1-cm of this Agreement, Strategic Energy has good laith concerns about the credit-vorthiness of Buyer as Buyer's ability to perform hereunder, Strategic Energy may require that Buyer provide credit assurances, in an amount aid in a form determined by Strategic Energy in a commercially reasonable manner, including but not limited to, an excrew account, deposit, latter of credit, parentle guaranty, or surely bond, if auch credit assurance is not provided within seven (7) days of being requested by Strategic Energy, then Strategic Energy may terminate this Agreement without any additional nation.

#### 9. Termination:

This Agreement may be terminated at any time after the date harsol. (i) by mutual consent in writing by the parties, or (ii) by either party if there are been a follow to perform or material misrepresentation or breach of warrantly, coverant or condition and such fallow or breach is not coned within worty-five (25) calender days at the defaulting party's receipt of written notice from the non-defaulting party, or (iii) during a Yearly Renewal pursuant to Paragraph 2 above, by either party upon providing the other party with thirty (30) days prior written notice.

In the event of termination, all further obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall terminate without further flability of the parties, except for the payment by the owing party of any sunts due and owing to the other party for Services rendered part to the formination date, any direct actual damages, say indemnification or confidentiality obligation of obtain party which has arisen the remination of the Agreement.

## 7. Load Change Information:

Buyer shall give Strategic Energy at least thirty (30) days notice ("Notice of Load Change") prior to removing a Facility from Service hardwarder as a result of caseing operations at such Fedility.

### B. Change in Law or Regulation:

If, during the Term of this Agreement, regulatory changes shift costs from the litest Utility to Strategic Energy or from Strategic Energy to the Host Utility, then such costs or credits will be passed through to the Buyer. If any laws, orders or regulations are passed mindled in modified, implemented or interpreted by judicial or regulatory advertor legislative enactment, which creates additional costs not currently includes in the Price or increases in the cost components of the Price (the "incremental Change"), then Strategic Energy shall pass through such incremental Change to be paid by Buyer above the Price, Buyer may, after receiving notice that Strategic Energy intended to pass through such incremental Change(s) pursuant to this Section, provide Strategic Energy with thirty (30) days notice of termination of the Agreement. Upon templication, all artists obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall terminate without further liability of the parties, except for the payment by the owing party of any some due and owing to the other party for Services randered prior to the termination date, any direct advantages incurred by Strategic Energy (which shall mean the positive difference, if any, between the Price and the current market price for Electricity) and the payment of any responsible costs incurred as a result of such termination including the payment of PSC (se for the instrince of the Term (based upon the anticipated usage), any indemntification or confidentiality obligation of either perty which has arisen hereunder and any other obligation hereunder which by ks nature survives the termination of this Agreement.

## 9. Agreement to Indemnity:

Subject to the finitations set forth fieraki, each party shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party, its effiliates and their respective employees, officers, or agents from any and all claims, liability and expense arising out of any poddly injury, death or damage to property (other than boddly injury, death or damage to property production of services by the negligence or interface) misconduct of any such other party or its servants or employees) related to the provision of Services hereunder, except that each pany shall be responsible for all claims of its own employees, officers or agonish under any workmen's compensation law or similar

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### 10. Limitation of Liability:

Liability is limited to direct actual damages as the sque and exclusive remedy and all other remedies or damages are expressly wanied. In no event shall either party be liable to the other for any incidental, consequential, or punitive damages, lost profits or other business Interruption damages, each party agrees that it has a butly to intigate damages and covenants that it will use commercially reasonable epports to minimize any damages it may incur as a result of the other party's performance or non-performance of this agreement,

### 11. Applicable Law:

As to all motions of construction and interpretation, this Agreement shall be construed, interpreted, and governed under and by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to its choice of tow provisions.

No waiver by either party of any default or defaults by their party under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of any future default, whother of a like or different character or nature.

#### 11. Severability:

The various provisions of this Agreement are severable. The invalidity, slegality or unaniorposphility of any portion or provision shall not allect the validity, legality or enforceshility of any other portion on provision of this Agreement.

# 74, Notices and Correspondence:

Any notice or other document to be given or served hereinder or under any document or instrument executed pursuant hereto shall be inwriting and shall be delivered to the appropriate aiddress specified below. Notice sent by faccimile or other electronic means shall be deemed to have been received by the does of the business day on which it was transmitted or such earlier time as is confirmed by the receiving party. Notice delivered by counter shall be deemed to have been received on the business day, after it was sent or such earlier time as is confirmed by the receiving party. Notice delivered by mail shall be deemed to have been received at the end of the third business day after the date of mailing by prepaid first class mall, except that when drare is a strike affecting delivery of mail, all notices shall be delivered by counter or by facsimile or other electronic means.

Strategic Energy Xana Companior Atn: Customer Service Manager After Lee S Walneten Two Galaway Carkor 11 Skyline Dr Pillsburgh, PA 15222 Hawthome, NY 10532 Phone: (412) 394-5800 Prices: (914) 592-8282 Fax: (412) 544-3211 Fax (P14) 592-3482 Monday through Friday from 8:00AM through 5:00PM Eastorn Time

# 15. Confidentiality:

Except when disclosure may be required by law or a party has obtained written consent from the other party, each party agrees that it shall not disclose to a third party (other than the party) employees, lenders, coursel, consuments, aparts or accountants who have approved to keep such terms confidential) and will meintain in struct confidence the terms, conditions and priority information set form and node a part of the Agreement. Strategic Energy agrees that such confidence the terms, conditions and priority information set form and node a part of the Agreement. Strategic Energy agrees that such confidence treatment plast extend to Buyers usage and consumption dets which is not otherwise in the public domain and which will not be disclosed except as appropriate to carry out the terms of this Agreement or as requested in writing by the Buyer. The party and be antitiod to all retrieding available at law or in a squily to enforce, or sook felter in connection with this confidentiality origation. This provision shall aurive the terms across the Agreement for a period of two (2) years.

## 16. Representations and Yvarranties:

As a material inducement to entering this this Agreement, each party, with respect to itself, hereby represents and warrents to ma other purty as follows:

- (a) it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the texts of the jurisdiction of its formation and is qualified to conduct to business in those jurisdictions necessary to perform this Agreement.
- (b) the execution and delivery of this Agreement are within its powers, have been their authorized by all necessary actions and/or board approvate, and do not violate any of the terms or conditional in its governing documents or any contract to which it is a party or any law applicable to it

(c) as of the date of Service commancement hareunder, it shall have all regulatory authorizations necessary for it to legally perform its operations:

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(d) the Agreement constitutes a logal, valid and binding obligation of such party enforceable against d in accordance with its letters, bubled to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, and other laws sheeting creations; rights generally and with regard to equitable remodies, subject to the discretion of the court before which proceedings to obtain same may be conding:

(a) there are no transcruptcy, irradivency, recommendation, receivership of other similar proceedings pending or being contemplated by it or, so its knowledge, threatened against it.

(f) the Facility(ies) to be previded the Services described herein are not contractually bound by another agreement for Electricity services that will overlap with the Term stated in Facility List, and

(g) If it is a property management company acting on behalf of the owner of the Facety(set), if has the authority to execute and bind the Facety(set) to this Agreement for the Term stated in the Facety List and their the term of its property management agreement with the owner of the Facety(set) is equal to or greater than the Term of this Agreement.

Each party coverants that it shall cause its respective representations and warranties to remain true and correct throughout the Term of this Agreement

#### 17. Pardes, Assignment:

This Agreement shall have to and benefit the parties harely and their permitted successors and eastland. Neither party may assign rement without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld Notwithstanding the above, Strategic Energy may, without the construit of Buyer, assign this Agreement and its rights and abiligations hereunder for the Emitted purpose of securing credit and shanding. Further, either party may, without the need for consent from the other party manufer or assign this Agreement (a) to an Affiliab of such party provided that all the persons obligated to fulfill the assigning pany's obligations under the Agreement efter the easignment have substantially equivalent financial capability to their of #8 other paraons obligated to fulfill the easigning party's obligations under the Agreement before the easignment, or (b) to any person or entry successing to all or substantially all of the excels of such party provided, however, that any such assignes a will express to be bound by the farms and conditions hereof. As used heldth, "shillate" shall mean with respect to any parson, any other person (other than an individual) that, directly or indirectly, findigh one or informationer, controls, or is controlled by, or is underground control with, such person. For purposes of the integraling definitions, control means the direct or indirect ownership of more than they person (50%) of the outstanding capital stack or other equity interests having ordinary voting power.

To the extent either party is prevented by Force Majeuré from carrying but, in whole or part, its obligations under this Agreement and such early (the "Claiming Party") gives notice and details of the Force Majeure to the other party as soon as practicable, then, the Claiming Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations. The Chaiming Party shall remedy the Force Majoure with all reasonable dispatch. The non-Claiming Party shall not be required to just from or resume performance of its obligations to the Claiming Party corresponding to the obligations of the Claiming Party excused by Force Majoure.

### 19. Delinizions:

As used herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following lemms shall have the meaning set forth below:

"Ancillary Services"

means wholesale stactic services and products raquined to facilitate delivery of Energy to the Host Utility.

"Cannoity

means the ability to provide Energy as needed, as measured in kilowatts (kW) or magawatts (MW).

Distribution

means all delivery service for Energy, Capacity and applicable Ancillary Services provided by the Host Utility, excluding Transmission

"Electricity"

means the corpination of Energy, Capacity, Transmission, and Ancillary Services which are provided by Stategic Energy under this Agreement. Strategic Energy will deliver the Electricity to the Host Utility for delivery to Buyer's Facilities.

means discurred energy, as measured in kilowall hours (kWh) or megawall hours (kWh).

"Facility (les)"

means the plants, works, operations and/or lacities for which Buyer has the authority to purchase Electricity under this Agreement and which are set forth on the "Facility List" attached to big Agreement as Exhibit "A", as may be amended from time to time.

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Dated, Hawthorne, N. Y.
December 20, 2007

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